

**Remarks for Ambassador Mull at the Delivery Ceremony of the LOT Dreamliner
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Prime Minister Tusk, President Komorowski, First Lady Komorowska, Minister Budzanowski, distinguished guests...

During these days of rapid technological progress, it is sometimes easy to forget that the most thrilling invention in the history of human civilization is the airplane. If you're like me, you probably don't remember the first email you sent, the first internet site you visited, the first song you listened to on an iPod, or the first book you read on an e-reader. But you will probably always remember that exciting first time you entered an airplane, sat on a chair, and within a few minutes looked through the window at a view of the world many kilometers below you that you could never have imagined, even in your dreams.

But so quickly have we taken this miracle for granted. We complain about flight delays, security procedures, somehow forgetting about the magic of flight. The American comedian Louis CK once told a story about a friend who complained bitterly about sitting on a plane on a runway for 40 minutes. The comedian answered: "Oh my God, really?! And what happened then? Did you fly through the air like a bird, incredibly? Did you soar through the clouds, impossibly? Did you partake in the miracle of human flight and then land softly on giant tires? You were sitting in a chair in the sky! You were like a Greek myth!"

I want to thank the partnership of LOT and Boeing for helping to remind us all today about the miracle that is human flight. This beautiful machine behind me represents the enormous possibilities of the marriage of American and Polish dreams and technology for cleaner, greener, safer and more comfortable air travel. Not only is this airplane magnificent to behold. It represents the very best flight technology in the world today. It will use 20% less fuel than other airplanes its size. It will be able to fly 14,000 kilometers without refueling. It is the quietest airplane on earth. The facilities and environment inside the aircraft will be more comfortable for passengers than anything ever known in the history of flight. My only complaint is why wasn't this plane flying when I came to Poland last week?

Thanks to LOT and Boeing for renewing the wonder of human flight for us today, and reminding us all about the great potential for Polish-American cooperation on technology. As we say in America, the sky's the limit!